(c) In view of the Court order the Department has nothing to do.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (c).

UNAUTHORISED CULTIVATION OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN DAVANAGERE

370. Smt. NAGAMMA C. KESHAVAMURTHY (Davanagere).— Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of applications received by the Tahsildar, Davanagere, in connection with unauthorised cultivation of Government land;

(b) the action taken by him on those applications;

(c) the time within which decision on those applications would be taken ?

Sri N.HUTCHAMASTHY GODWA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 361 Applications were received by the Assistant Commissioner, Davanagere from May 1972. The Assistant Commissioner is the officer empowered to regularise unauthorised occupation of land.

(b) 352 applications have been rejected as none of the applicants were cultivating the land prior to 1st July 1968.

(c) The remaining nine applications will be disposed of within three months.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Re : El phant menace to Arasalu and Maleshankar forest Range.

Sri S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASHEKAR (Hosnagara).— I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Forests to the elephant menace in Arasalu and Maleshankar forest range in Shimoga District.